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SUBJECT: 1978 SUMMER ECOSOC - GENERAL DEBATE

1. SUMMARY: JULY 11 A.M. ECOSOC GENERAL DEBATE CONTINUED WITH STATEMENTS BY IRAQ, HUNGARY, BRAZIL, PRC, USA, AND CANADA. IRAQ FOCUSED ON PLIGHT OF LDCS AND NIEO, EXPRESSING DISAPPOINTMENT IN COW EFFORTS TO DATE AND BLAMING CERTAIN DEVELOPED NATIONS FOR BLOCKING COW. HUNGARIAN SPEECH ECHOED THEMES OF EARLIER USSR STATEMENT. THE DEVELOPED WORLD IS TO BLAME FOR ECONOMIC BACKWARDNESS OF THIRD WORLD AND SEEKS TO RETAIN ADVANTAGED POSITION. RESPONDING TO UK'S TWEAK ABOUT LOW LEVEL OF SOCIALIST STATES' ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS, HUNGARIAN INTERPRETED SUCH ACCUSATION AS ATTEMPT TO CONCEAL HOW DEVELOPED STATES TAKE ADVANTAGE OF DEVELOPING WORLD. HE CONCLUDED NOTING ROLE OF COW IS STILL UNCLEAR IN RELATION TO THE UN SYSTEM. BRAZILIAN FOCUSED ON WORLD TRADE PROBLEMS AND THEIR EFFECT ON DEVELOPING WORLD. COW EFFORTS TO DATE WERE CAST IN DISMAL TERMS, BUT HOPE REMAINS FOR COMING SEPTEMBER SESSION, AND FOR RESTRUCTURING.

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PRC SLANTED REMARKS TO PORTRAY THEMSELVES AS UPHOLDERS OF RIGHTS AND PREROGATIVES OF THIRD WORLD. THEY SUPPORTED LDCS SEEKING TO PROTECT THEIR NATURAL RESOURCES THROUGH ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMON FUND FOR COMMODITIES. "OBDURATE POSITION OF THE SUPERPOWERS" HAS PREVENTED PROGRESS ON NIEO AND COW. ECOSOC SHOULD FOCUS ON PROGRESS TOWARD NIEO, NOT DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNATIONAL

COOPERATION OR CERDS. PRC SUPPORTS THIRD WORLD DEMAND FOR RESTRUCTURING AND CALLED FOR THIRD WORLD TO BE GIVEN MORE SEATS IN IMPORTANT ORGANIZATIONS. CANADIAN OBSERVER NOTED INCREASED BASIS OF UNDERSTANDING RESULTING FROM NORTH-SOUTH DIALOG. END SUMMARY.

2. IRAQI REP TERMED THE "RIGID AND UNCOMPROMISING" ATTITUDE OF INDUSTRIAL STATES "DISAPPOINTING". PROTECTIONISM IS A DANGEROUS DEVELOPMENT IN RECENT INTERNATIONAL TRADE. INFLATION AND ADVERSE EXCHANGE RATES ARE "IMPORTED" INTO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND INDUSTRIALIZED STATES LACK THE POLITICAL WILL TO IMPLEMENT THE NIEO. IRAQ WISHES TO HAVE SCIENCE-TECHNOLOGY BE AN AREA OF CONCENTRATION THIS SESSION. DEVELOPING COUNTRIES ARE SEEKING AGREEMENT IN MTN AMONG THEMSELVES, TO THE EXCLUSION OF LDCS, CONTRARY TO TOKYO SPIRIT. LDC PARTICIPATION IN SUCH DELIBERATIONS MUST INCREASE. TRANSFER OF RESOURCES FOR DEVELOPMENT HAS REGRETTABLY FALLEN. THIS HAS LED TO AN INCREASE IN LDC DEBT LEVELS. IRAQI REP ACCUSED DEVELOPED STATES OF HAVING MADE NO REAL ATTEMPT TO SOLVE THIS PROBLEM. IN ORDER TO AMELIORATE BAD LDC ECONOMIC SITUATION, THERE SHOULD BE SPEEDY MEASURES TO PROTECT AND IMPROVE LDC TRADE. IN NOTEWORTHY ESCALATION OF RHETORIC IRAQI REP NOTED THAT EXERCISE OF NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY BY LDCS OVER NATURAL RESOURCES BY NATIONALIZATION IS A "PREREQUISITE" TO ESTABLISHMENT OF NIEO. MANY DEVELOPING STATES HAVE

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FAILED TO REACT PROPERLY TO THE LDC SUGGESTIONS ABOUT NIEO. THIS IS ESPECIALLY TRUE REGARDS THE COMMON FUND. DEVELOPING NATIONS MUST MAKE GREATER EFFORTS TO IMPLEMENT AN INTEGRATED COMMODITIES PROGRAM. IRAQ ALSO HOPES UNIDO CONSTITUTIONAL NEGOTIATIONS WILL SUCCESSFULLY END SOON. IRAQ IS DISAPPOINTED TO NOTE THAT FIRST COW SESSION ENDED INCONCLUSIVELY BECAUSE OF LACK OF POLITICAL WILL ON PART OF DEVELOPED NATIONS AND THEIR ATTEMPTS TO REINTERPRET THE RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING COW. COW SHOULD PROVIDE THE POLITICAL IMPETUS TO ESTABLISH NIEO, NOT JUST BE A FORUM FOR EXCHANGE OF VIEWS. IRAQ DEPLORED THE FACT THAT ZIONIST AGGRESSION IN SOUTHERN LEBANON CAUSED POSTPONEMENT OF ECWA SESSION, AND CALLED FOR CONDEMNATION OF ISRAEL AND ITS AGGRESSION.

3. HUNGARIAN REP FOLLOWED LINES OF EARLIER USSR PRESENTATION IN GENERAL DEBATE, CALLING FOR AN END TO THE THREAT OF PROTECTIONISM ASAP. CRISIS IN THE PROTECTED CAPITALIST WORLD SHOWS THAT DEVELOPED COUNTRIES WANT TO SOLVE THEIR PROBLEMS AT THE COST OF LDCS AND THE PARTIALLY-DEVELOPED COUNTRIES. HE WARNED THAT PROTECTIONIST STEPS MAY CAUSE EVENTUAL COUNTERMEASURES. HUNGARY BASES ITS

ECONOMIC RELATIONS WITH LDCS ON ITS ATTEMPTS TO HELP LDCS (E.G., THROUGH TRAINING PROGRAMS) AND DOES THIS WITHOUT HAVING TO RESORT TO PROTECTIONISM. LIKE THE SOVIETS, HUNGARIANS LINK INCREASE IN DEVELOPMENT RESOURCES TO SAVINGS TO BE ACCUMULATED THROUGH DISARMAMENT. IMPERIALIST-CAPITALIST POLICIES ARE A BLOCK TO REACHING SOLUTION TO PROBLEMS OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY. NIEO WILL BE A PROPER RESTRUCTURING OF THE WORLD ECONOMIC SYSTEM. RISING TO JIBES MADE EARLIER IN GENERAL DEBATE BY THE BRITISH REP, HUNGARIAN NOTED THAT BELITTLEMENT OF SCALE OF AID LEVELS SOCIALIST STATES GIVE IS MERELY A SCREEN TO OBSCURE THE UNEQUAL FLOW OF FINANCIAL

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RESOURCES FROM DEVELOPING TO THE DEVELOPED WORLD. TO BE MORE EFFECTIVE, COW NEGOTIATIONS SHOULD BE PROPERLY COORDINATED WITH ECOSOC AND OTHER UN BODIES. ROLE OF COW IS STILL UNCLEAR IN RELATION TO THE REST OF THE UN SYSTEM.

4. BRAZIL (DA COSTA) FOCUSED ON WORLD TRADE PROBLEMS, CALLING THE ECONOMIC RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES "LOPSIDED". DEVELOPED COUNTRIES CONSIDER LDC RAW MATERIALS TOO EXPENSIVE AND BRAND THEIR INDUSTRIALIZED PRODUCTS TOO CHEAP. HE USED NEGATIVE TERMS TO DESCRIBE WORK TO DATE ON COW: "ILL-FATED", "STERILE EXCHANGES", AND "SETBACK". THE FIRST COW SESSION CONFIRMED THAT DISSENSION WOULD PREVAIL AGAIN. AGAINST THIS "PALLID BACKGROUND", A SUCCESSFUL SESSION OF COW NEXT SEPTEMBER IS THEREFORE FUNDAMENTALLY

IMPORTANT. HOWEVER, COW SHOULD EXERCISE A MONITORING
ROLE AS FULLY AS POSSIBLE, BUT WITHOUT OVERTAKING
SPECIFIC TASKS UNDER NEGOTIATION ELSEWHERE. IT SHOULD
HAVE POWER TO EXERT POLITICAL INFLUENCE LACKING AT
THE TECHNICAL LEVEL. BRAZIL DOES NOT CONSIDER TCDC A
NEW PROGRAM. IT SHOULD NOT REPLACE THE TRADITIONAL
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PATTERNS OF BILATERAL AND MULTILATERAL COOPERATION, BUT
IS A TOOL TO CREATE A NEW SET OF DEVELOPMENT UNDERTAKINGS.
TCDC SHOULD INCLUDE AN INCREASING SCRUTINY OF POTENTIAL-
ITIES IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES SO THAT THEY MAY HAVE
EQUAL ACCESS TO THE SUPPLY OF DEVELOPMENT SERVICES AND
SKILLS. TO THIS END UNDP'S WORLDWIDE OFFICES SHOULD BE
PUT AT USE OF TCDC, RATHER THAN CREATING A NEW BUREAU-
CRACY. SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY DISCUSSIONS SHOULD NOT
CENTER ON SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL ISSUES THEMSELVES,
BUT ON THEIR APPLICATION TO DEVELOPMENT. BRAZIL IS
ENCOURAGED BY PROGRESS ALREADY MADE IN PREPARATORY STAGES
FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY CONFERENCE. WE HAVE REACHED
CRUCIAL STAGE IN NEGOTIATIONS TOWARD CODE OF CONDUCT IN
NORTH-SOUTH DIALOG. EVERYONE NOW HAS TO SHOW READINESS
TO EXERCISE THEIR POLITICAL WILL. THE CENTER ON TNCS
HAS DEMONSTRATED OBJECTIVITY AND HAS DONE ITS WORK WELL.
DA COSTA HAD HIGH HOPES FOR THE COMING CONFERENCE ON
CODE OF CONDUCT IN TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY. HE CONCLUDED
WITH REMARKS ON RESTRUCTURING: APPROPRIATE SOLUTIONS
SEEM STILL WITHIN GRASP AND HOPEFULLY A CONSENSUS CAN
EMERGE DURING THE PRESENT SESSION.

5. PRC STATEMENT WAS USUAL COLLECTION OF JARGON AND
RHETORIC. PRC NOTED LDCS SEEK TO PROTECT THEIR NATURAL
RESOURCES. PRC THEREFORE SUPPORTS ESTABLISHMENT OF
COMMON FUND FOR COMMODITIES AND EFFORTS TO REDUCE THE
DEBT BURDEN OF LDCS. SUPERPOWERS ARE TRYING VIA EVERY
MEANS TO HAMPER ESTABLISHMENT OF NIEO. ONE SUPERPOWER
(USA), UNDER PRESSURE OF EVENTS, HAS CHANGED TACTICS
AND NOW PROFESSES SUPPORT FOR CREATION OF A "MORE JUST"
INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER, BUT ACTUALLY SABOTAGES
VARIOUS CONFERENCES AND NEGOTIATIONS IN ORDER TO PRESERVE
THE CURRENT ECONOMIC SYSTEM. DESPITE ADVERTISEMENTS
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ABOUT MEETING THE BASIC NEEDS OF THE POOREST, IT ALWAYS
REJECTS JUST DEMANDS OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES REGARDS
ESTABLISHMENT OF THE NIEO. "IN PLAYING SUCH TRICKS,

ITS SOLE PURPOSE IS TO SPREAD CONFUSION AND MISLEAD PEOPLE, SOW DISSENSION AND UNDERMINE THE UNITED STRUGGLE OF THE THIRD WORLD COUNTRIES". THE OTHER SUPERPOWER (USSR),STYLES ITSELF A NATURAL ALLY OF LDCS,IS EVEN MORE "VICIOUS AND CUNNING". WITH THE PRETEXT OF SEEKING EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES WITH THE OTHER SUPERPOWER, THIS NATION CALLS ON LDCS TO OPEN THEIR DOORS, TO ESTABLISH TIES WITH ITS "BIG FAMILY OF NATIONS". HOWEVER, ITS DESIGN IS TO DRAW LDCS INTO ITS "NEO-COLONIALIST SYSTEM," TO BUY CHEAP AND SELL DEAR. IT TAKES HARD LINE ON THE JUST DEMANDS OF LDCS CLAIMING IT IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR POVERTY AND BACKWARDNESS AND WILL NOT ASSUME ANY OBLIGATIONS. "IT BABBLES REPEATEDLY ABOUT 'AIDING THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WITH FUNDS RELEASED BY DISARMAMENT', BUT THIS IS MERE LIP SERVICE...IF IT REALLY WANTS TO BE GENEROUS, WHY DOES IT NOT BEGIN BY CANCELLING THE DEBTS INCURRED BY SOME DEVELOPING COUNTRIES THROUGH THEIR ARMS PURCHASE FROM IT? SOME SECOND WORLD COUNTRIES HAVE ALREADY REDUCED OR EXEMPTED DEBTS OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, WHY CAN'T IT DO THE SAME?" PRC NOTED THERE HAS BEEN NO PROGRESS TOWARD ESTABLISHMENT OF NIEO BECAUSE OF "OBDURATE POSITION OF THE SUPERPOWERS". THEY SUPPORT SUGGESTION TO CALL SPECIAL GA SESSION IN 1980 TO SUM UP EXPERIENCE SINCE 6TH SPECIAL SESSION, REVIEW IMPLEMENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS, EXPOSE AND CONDEMN SUPERPOWERS' ECONOMIC HEGEMONISM AND CARRY FORWARD STRUGGLE FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF NIEO. PRC NOTED THAT COW, SET UP AT SUGGESTION OF THIRD WORLD, HAS IMPORTANT DUTIES AND SHOULD GIVE IMPETUS AND FULLY PLAY ITS OVERSEEING AND MONITORING ROLE REGARDS NEGOTIATIONS ON SUBSTANTIVE ECONOMIC PROBLEMS. IDS SHOULD BE KEYED

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TO CURRENT REALITIES, SHOULD AIM AT ABOLISHING THE OLD INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC RELATIONS AND CREATING FAVORABLE CONDITIONS FOR THIRD WORLD DEVELOPMENT. PRC ALSO SUPPORTS RESTRUCTURING, WHICH SHOULD FOLLOW BASIC SPIRIT AND RELEVANT PROVISIONS OF DECLARATION AND PROGRAM OF ACTION OF THE SIXTH SPECIAL SESSION OF THE GA. IN PURSUIT OF ESTABLISHING NIEO, THIRD WORLD COUNTRIES SHOULD BE GIVEN MORE SEATS IN THE IMPORTANT ORGANIZATIONS CONCERNED "TO ENSURE THAT THEY WOULD FULLY PLAY THEIR DUE ROLE IN THE PROCESS OF DECISION MAKING ON INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC PROBLEMS". CONCLUDING WITH SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, PRC NOTED THEY ARE COMMON ASSETS CREATED BY MAN AND SHOULD BE SHARED BY THE PEOPLE OF ALL NATIONS. THIRD WORLD IS FULLY ENTITLED TO AND HAS THE ABILITY TO MASTER AND USE THE MOST RECENT ACHIEVEMENTS OF MODERN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY. TO RAISE ITS LEVEL OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, A NATION MUST RELY MAINLY ON ITS OWN EFFORTS AND STEER TOWARD INDEPENDENCE AND SELF-RELIANCE. SIMULTANEOUSLY, IT MUST LEARN STRONG POINTS AND ADVANCED SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY OF OTHER NATIONS. PRC WELCOMES CONVOCAION OF UN CONFERENCE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FOR DEVELOPMENT AND SUPPORTS PROPOSITION OF LDCS TO

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BRING THE CONFERENCE WITHIN THE CONTEXT OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE NIEO. PRC HOPES THE CONFERENCE WILL END THE INTERNATIONAL MONOPOLY ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY.

6. CANADIAN OBSERVER NOTED INCREASING BASIS FOR UNDERSTANDING THAT RESULTS FROM THE NORTH-SOUTH DIALOG. MTN ARE NOW IN A DECISIVE PHASE. COW SHOULD NOT BE A "STERILE FORUM FOR DEBATE", BUT SHOULD ACT AS A CATALYST FOR WELL-THOUGHT-OUT PROPOSALS.

7. USDEL IS POUCHING TEXT OF BRAZIL, PRC, AND CANADIAN STATEMENTS TO IO/DHP. VANDEN HEUVEL

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